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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re
Application of: Burton, et al.

Serial No.: 09/587,103

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
ULTRA-HIGH PURITY
ISOPROPANOL

§ Examiner: V. Manoharan

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2002, please amend the above-noted application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Once Amended) A process for producing high purity isopropyl alcohol comprising the steps of:
 - (a) feeding a feed stream comprising at least 99.9 wt.% isopropyl alcohol into a separation column;
 - (b) separating said isopropyl alcohol into an overhead stream taken overhead from said separation column and a bottoms stream taken as bottoms from said separation column, wherein any isopropyl alcohol in said overhead stream and said bottoms stream is not high purity isopropyl alcohol; and
 - (c) removing said high purity isopropyl alcohol at a point:
 - (i) below where said feed stream enters said separation column but above said bottoms stream, or